EXHIBIT A

ZAI 7B TRUST UNDER WR GRACE ASBESTOS PD TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ed Cottingham, Trustee ZAI 7B Trust Under WR Grace Asbestos PD Trust Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of ZAI 7B Trust Under WR Grace Asbestos PD Trust ("the Trust"), which comprise the statement of net claimants' equity as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and the related statements of changes in net claimants' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ZAI 7B Trust Under WR Grace Asbestos PD Trust as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net claimants' equity and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with the Trust's basis of accounting.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of ZAI 7B Trust Under WR Grace Asbestos PD Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note B of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. As described in Note B to the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Trust in accordance with a basis of accounting that employs accrual accounting as required for a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") in the regulations governing QSFs as laid out in Internal Revenue Code Section 1.468(b), which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Trust's basis of accounting, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with the Trust's basis of accounting, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether
 due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks.
 Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and
 disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
 procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of
 expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, no
 such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Schedule of Operating Expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

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West Columbia, South Carolina

March 12, 2024

ZAI 7B TRUST UNDER WR GRACE ASBESTOS PD TRUST STATEMENT OF NET CLAIMANTS' EQUITY DECEMBER 31,

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 777,406	\$ 176,375
Marketable securities	3,401,780	3,739,644
Total cash and cash equivalents and investments	4,179,186	3,916,019
Prepaid expenses	35,122	36,666
Other assets	2,449	2,449
Total assets	\$ 4,216,757	\$ 3,955,134
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 36,939	\$ 35,335
Accrued liabilities	13,050	13,235
Total liabilities	\$ 49,989	\$ 48,570
NET CLAIMANTS' EQUITY	\$ 4,166,768	\$ 3,906,564

ZAI 7B TRUST UNDER WR GRACE ASBESTOS PD TRUST STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET CLAIMANTS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

		2023		2022
Net claimants' equity, beginning of year	\$	3,906,564	\$	12,763,504
Additions to net claimants' equity:				
Contingency payment		8,000,000		-
Investment income		292,497		311,144
Realized gain (loss) on investments		(15,946)		170,689
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments		14,266		(1,627,134)
Total additions		8,290,817		(1,145,301)
Deductions from net claimants' equity: Operating expenses		1,286,626		1,476,465
Claims paid		6,643,987		6,135,174
Extraordinary claims paid		100,000		100,000
Total deductions		8,030,613		7,711,639
Net change in net claimants' equity	=	260,204	-	(8,856,940)
Net claimants' equity, end of year	\$	4,166,768	_\$	3,906,564

ZAI 7B TRUST UNDER WR GRACE ASBESTOS PD TRUST STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net change in claimants' equity Adjustments to reconcile net change in claimants' equity to net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities:	\$ 260,204	\$ (8,856,940)
Realized loss/(gain) on sale of securities, net	15,946	(170,689)
Unrealized loss/(gain) on investments, net	(14,266) 1,680	1,627,134 1,456,445
Changes in operating assets and liabilities: (Increase) decrease in:		
Prepaid expenses	1,544	(11,828)
Increase (decrease) in: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,419 2,963	(7,682) (19,510)
Net cash provided by /(used in) operating activities	264,847	(7,420,005)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of securities	8,881,799	7,306,509
Purchase of securities	(8,545,615)	(1,326,755)
Net cash provided by investing activities	336,184	5,979,754
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	601,031	(1,440,251)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	176,375	1,616,626
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 777,406	\$ 176,375

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note A – DESCRIPTION OF TRUST:

The Zonolite Attic Insulation Trust ("ZAI") was established following the W.R. Grace bankruptcy under laws of Delaware to financially assist homeowners in abating asbestos containing vermiculite insulation, also known as "Zonolite" or "Libby Vermiculite." W.R. Grace's plan of reorganization became final on February 3, 2014. W.R. Grace then funded ZAI from which eligible claimants may be reimbursed for their legitimate ZAI Property Damage Claims ("ZAI PD") under the ZAI PD Trust Distribution Procedures ("ZAI TDP"). The purpose of the Trust is to evaluate claims, provide a percentage of reimbursement contributions of abatement cost up to a certain amount, evaluate for additional annual reimbursement consideration of extraordinary claims, and for implementing an education program to alert homeowners and industry professionals to the existence of the Trust and the impact of having ZAI/vermiculite in the home, including the hazards posed by this extremely friable asbestos-containing insulation.

Note B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of Accounting:

The Trust's financial statements are prepared using special purpose accounting methods that differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The special purpose accounting methods were adopted in order to present the amount of equity available for payment of current and future claims and operating expenses of the Trust. This basis of accounting employs accrual accounting concepts but relieves the Trust of the requirement to evaluate and estimate claims payable under accrual accounting concepts that prevail under generally accepted accounting principles. The accrual basis of accounting is required for a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") in the regulations governing QSFs as laid out in Internal Revenue Code Section 1.468(b). Since the accompanying special purpose financial statements are not based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, accounting treatment by other parties for these same transactions may differ as to timing and amounts. These special purpose accounting methods are as follows:

- 1. The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, as modified below.
- 2. The funding received from W.R. Grace are recorded directly to net claimants' equity. These funds do not represent income of the Trust. The distributions to claimants are deductions from net claimants' equity and do not represent expenses of the Trust.

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Note B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

3. Investments are recorded at fair value. All interest and dividend income are included in investment income on the statements of changes in net claimants' equity. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are recorded as separate components on the statements of changes in net claimants' equity.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include cash invested in money market funds.

Concentration of Risk:

The Trust maintains its cash in a bank deposit account with one financial institution. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 per depositor, per bank in 2023 and 2022. As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, the Trust's uninsured cash balances totaled \$455,540 and \$248,994, respectively.

Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rates, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments:

The carrying amount of the Trust's cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable and other liabilities approximate their fair value due to the short-term nature or relative liquidity of the instruments.

Investments:

The Trust measures its investments at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price at which an asset could be exchanged in a current transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties as determined by the pricing service at the directed trustee.

Revenue Recognition:

Revenues are recorded using the accrual basis of accounting. The Trust derives revenue from the investments. Investment income accounts for 100% of the Trust's revenues.

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Note B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

Contingent Deferred Payments:

The contingent deferred payments provide payment to the Trust on any date after the fourth anniversary of the effective date when the total assets of the Trust are less than \$10 million. No more than ten contingent deferred payments shall be received in the aggregate and the total aggregate amount of all contingent deferred payments shall in no event exceed \$80 million and no contingent deferred payment shall be received after the 25th effective date anniversary. A contingent deferred payment in the amount of \$8 million was received on February 3, 2023 and no contingent deferred payment was made in 2022. A contingent deferred payment in the amount of \$8 million was received on February 5, 2024.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the special purpose accounting methods described above requires the trustee to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions to net claimants' equity during the reporting periods. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes:

The Trust's policy is to recognize interest and penalties accrued on any unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. As of December 31, 2023, the Trust did not have any accrued interest or penalties associated with unrecognized tax benefits, nor did it incur any interest and penalties expense with unrecognized tax benefits for the year then ended. The Trust is unaware of information concerning any tax positions for which a material change in the unrecognized tax benefit or liability is reasonably possible within the next twelve months. The Trust files income tax returns in the United States federal jurisdiction and in the South Carolina jurisdiction. The Trust is no longer subject to federal or state income tax examinations by authorities for years prior to 2020.

Advertising:

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred.

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Note C – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

The Trustee of the Trust is charged with investing the Trust's assets, in a manner consistent with the standards set forth in the Uniform Prudent Investor Act. The Trust is limited to investing in the following:

- US Government debt securities
- Privately issued debt securities rated as Baa or higher by Moody's
- Privately issued debt securities rated as BBB by Standard and Poor's
- Investment-grade debts rated by a nationally recognized rating agency
- Diversified equity portfolios that track broad market indexes such as Standard & Poor's 500 Index
- Equity holdings that do not exceed 5% of the equity in the entity

The investments held by the Trust are required to comply with the Uniform Prudent Investor Act. This Act emphasizes the following attributes:

- Evaluating the investment portfolio, while not focusing on the performance of individual investments
- Observing the required duty to diversify the investment portfolio
- Evaluating individual investments in the context of the purpose of the Trust and the claimants' needs
- Permissibility of delegating investment management to a third-party

Investments held by the Trust are stated at fair value, as follows:

	December 31, 2023					
		Cost*	F	air Value		
Municipal bonds	\$	2,630,640	\$	2,795,000		
Corporate bonds		606,780		606,780		
Total Marketable Securities	\$	3,237,420	\$	3,401,780		
	December 31, 2022					
		Cost*		air Value		
Equity securities	\$	908,745	\$	1,104,960		
Municipal bonds		2,079,311		2,036,881		
Corporate bonds		658,379		597,803		
Total Marketable Securities	\$	3,646,435	\$	3,739,644		

^{*-} Cost basis for bonds are stated at the amortized cost as of 12/31/2023 and 2022.

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Note C – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued):

The Trust's financial assets are carried at fair value and have been classified, for disclosure purposes, based on hierarchy defined by FASB ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement. The established framework gives the highest ranking to fair values determined using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest ranking to fair values determined using methodologies and models with unobservable inputs (Level 3). An asset's or a liability's classification is based on the lowest level input that is significant to its measurement. For example, a Level 3 fair value measurement may include inputs that are both observable (Levels 1 and 2) and unobservable (Level 3). The levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1: Observable inputs based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets that are accessible to the Company at the market date.
- Level 2: Observable inputs, other than those included in Level 1, based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in inactive markets.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect the Company's own assumptions about what inputs a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances.

The table below presents the amounts of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as follows:

	December 31, 2023				
		Level 1	Total		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	777,406	\$	777,406	
Municipal bonds		2,795,000		2,795,000	
Corporate bonds		606,780		606,780	
Total cash, cash equivalents, & investments	\$	4,179,186	\$	4,179,186	

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Note C – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued):

	December 31, 2022				
		Level 1			Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	176,375		\$	176,375
Equity securities		1,104,960			1,104,960
Municipal bonds		2,036,881			2,036,881
Corporate bonds		597,803			597,803
Total cash, cash equivalents, & investments	\$	3,916,019		\$	3,916,019

The Trust's policy is to recognize transfers in and out of levels within the fair value hierarchy at the actual date the event or change in circumstance caused the transfer. Between the measurement dates of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023, no securities were transferred between levels.

Note D – NET CLAIMANTS' EQUITY:

The Trust was created pursuant to the W.R. Grace & Co. (the "Plan") confirmed by the United States Bankruptcy Court District of Delaware. The WRG US ZAI Settlement Trust Distribution Procedures ("TDP") were adopted pursuant to the Plan and concurrently with the Asbestos Property Damage Settlement Trust Agreement ("PD Trust Agreement"). It is designed to provide fair and equitable treatment for all Trust claims that may presently exist or may arise in the future.

Under the TDP, the Trust forecasts its anticipated annual sources and uses of cash until the later of 25 years following the Effective Date of the Plan, or when the PD Trust has paid out all of the PD Trust Assets following the final deferred contingent payment for Class 7B Claims.

The Trustee, with consultation with the ZAI Trust Advisory Committee ("ZTAC") administers the ZAI TDP. Claims that qualify for payment from the WRG Asbestos PD Trust (the "PD Trust") in accordance with the ZAI TDP shall be paid 55% of the Allowed Value, but the PD Trust shall not pay more than 55% of \$8,972 (\$4,934) The Maximum Allowed Value shall increase by the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12 months, and the Maximum Allowed Value shall increase every year on the anniversary of the Effective Date by the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the 12 months immediately preceding each such anniversary date. The maximum payment amount increased in 2023 from \$4,634 to \$4,934.

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Note D - NET CLAIMANTS' EQUITY (Continued):

As of December 31, 2023, the net claimants' equity reported by the Trust is \$4,166,768.

		A	ll years prior		
	2023		to 2023	(Cumulative
Settlement Funding Received	\$ 8,000,000	\$	64,364,384	\$	72,364,384
Investment Income & Realized Gains/(Losses)	276,551		7,368,556		7,645,107
Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	14,266		(370,861)		(356,595)
Operating Expense	(1,286,626)		(28,492,162)	(29,778,788)
Claims Paid & Class Stipend	(6,743,987)		(38,963,353)	(45,707,340)
Total Net Claimants' Equity	\$ 260,204		\$ 3,906,564	\$	4,166,768

Note E – INCOME TAXES:

For federal income tax purposes, the Trust is taxed as a Qualified Settlement Fund (QSF). Income and expenses associated with the Trust are taxed in accordance with Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code and reports all income and expenses on Form 1120 SF. The Federal statutory income tax rate for the Trust is 37% for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Trust was formed as part of the plan of reorganization of W.R. Grace & Company chapter 11 bankruptcy and remains under the supervision of the United States Bankruptcy for District of Delaware. As such the Trust has filed Form SC1041 as a non-resident trust and calculated all income and expenses in accordance with prevailing guidance for nonresident trusts. Management believes that because sufficient administration takes place in Delaware that it is a non-resident Trust for purposes of calculating and reporting taxable income in South Carolina. This is the same position taken by the 7A Fund in its recently filed annual report. As a Delaware Statutory Trust, the Class 7B Trust is required to have a Delaware Trustee and is governed by Delaware law. The Class 7B Trustee is required to prepare and provide a copy of an annual report of the Trust's activities to the Delaware Bankruptcy Court. Pursuant to the express terms of the PD Trust Agreement, the Delaware Bankruptcy Court has exclusive jurisdiction over the settlement of the accounts of the Trustees and internal disputes that are not resolved by alternative dispute resolution through the American Arbitration Association. Furthermore, certain actions, such as the removal of the Class 7B Trustee by the ZTAC and PD FCR, require the consent of the Delaware Bankruptcy Court.

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Note E – INCOME TAXES (Continued):

The Trust evaluates all tax positions and makes a determination regarding their likelihood of being upheld under review. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Trust did not have uncertain tax positions for which they recorded a tax liability.

The taxable income of the Trust will differ due to significant difference in the treatment of certain income earned by the Trust and expenses incurred by the Trust. The material differences include exclusion of municipal bond interest from taxation, disallowance of plaintiff's attorney fees as deductible tax expenses, and a limitation on the inclusion of unrealized capital gain/(loss) in income. The trust has a NOL (net operating loss) carryforward of \$8,446,004 as of December 31, 2023.

Note F – CONTINGENT LIABILITY:

As of December 31, 2023, there are claims in various stages of progress. However, a reasonable range of payments to claimants cannot be determined or reasonably estimable.

Note G - OPERATING LEASES:

The Trust leases office space under a lease agreement, which currently is valid through December 31, 2026. The lease agreement requires monthly payments of \$2,449. Rental expense for the year ending December 31, 2023 was \$29,392.

Note H – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Management has considered subsequent events through March 12, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued, in preparing the financial statements and notes hereto.

ZAI 7B TRUST UNDER WR GRACE ASBESTOS PD TRUST SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023		3	2022
Accounting and Legal Fees	\$	207,444	\$	252,617
Notice & Claims		88,708		74,202
Other Expenses		87,284		74,151
Taxes		41,528		37,194
Trustee & Administrator Fees		861,662	-	1,038,301
Total Operating Expenses	\$	1,286,626	\$	1,476,465